

wetlands, this NOI also serves as a notice of proposed floodplain or wetland action. The EIS will include a floodplain/wetland assessment and floodplain/wetland statement of findings following DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review (10 CFR part 1022).

### Environmental Issues

The location of the proposed Project is in a sparsely populated portion of southeastern Wyoming. Available overview information indicates this area has a relatively low probability of substantial natural resources conflicts. This information includes the 2012 Draft EIS for the Hermosa West Wind Energy Project (DOE/EIS-0438), which analyzed an area largely included in the proposed Project west of U.S. Highway 287. ConnectGen's siting process for the wind turbine strings and associated facilities will consider sensitive resources, and the proposed Project would be designed to avoid these areas. The EIS will evaluate the level of impact WAPA's proposed action and ConnectGen's proposed Project alternatives would have on environmental resources within the approximately 26,000-acre site, which may lead to modifications in the proposed Project to further avoid or minimize resource impacts. Although no substantive resource conflicts have been identified thus far, the EIS will analyze the potential impacts on potentially affected environmental resources. Wind turbine power generation projects are generally known to have visual and noise effects, and may affect birds and bats.

### Public Participation

Interested parties are invited to participate in the scoping process to help define the important resources and issues to be analyzed in depth, and to eliminate from detailed study issues that are not pertinent. The scoping process will involve all interested agencies (Federal, State, county, and local), Native American tribes, public interest groups, businesses, affected landowners, and individual members of the public.

WAPA will consult with potentially affected tribes to jointly evaluate and address the potential Project effects on cultural resources, traditional cultural properties, or other resources important to the tribes. These consultations will be conducted in accordance with Executive Order 13175, *Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal*

*Governments* (65 FR 67249), the President's memorandum of April 29, 1994, *Government-to-Government Relations with Native American Tribal Governments* (59 FR 22951), DOE-specific guidance on tribal interactions, and applicable natural and cultural resources laws and regulations.

Public informational/scoping meetings will be held as described under **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** sections at the beginning of this notice. The meetings will be informal, and attendees will be able to speak directly with WAPA and ConnectGen representatives about the proposed Project. The public is encouraged to provide information and comments on issues it believes WAPA should address in the EIS. Comments may be broad in nature or restricted to specific areas of concern, but should be directly relevant to Project issues, the NEPA process, or expected resource impacts. After gathering comments on the scope of the EIS during the 30-day scoping period, WAPA will address the issues raised in the EIS. Comments on WAPA's proposed action and ConnectGen's proposed Project will be accepted and considered at any time during the EIS process, and may be directed to WAPA as described under the **ADDRESSES** section.

WAPA's EIS process will include the public scoping meetings; consultation and coordination with appropriate Federal, State, county, and local agencies and tribal governments; involvement with affected landowners; distribution of and public review and comment on the Draft EIS; a public hearing or hearings on the Draft EIS; distribution of a published Final EIS; and publication of WAPA's Record of Decision in the **Federal Register**.

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**Mark A. Gabriel,**  
*Administrator.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-10003-84-Region 6]

### Underground Injection Control Program; Hazardous Waste Injection Restrictions; Petition for Exemption Reissuance—Class I Hazardous Waste Injection; Great Lakes Chemical Corporation (GLCC) El Dorado, Arkansas Facility

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of a final decision on a UIC no migration petition reissuance.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a reissuance of an exemption to the Land Disposal Restrictions, under the 1984 Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, has been granted to GLCC for two Class I hazardous waste injection wells located at their El Dorado, Arkansas facility. The company has adequately demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by the petition reissuance application and supporting documentation that, to a reasonable degree of certainty, there will be no migration of hazardous constituents from the injection zone for as long as the waste remains hazardous. This final decision allows the underground injection by GLCC of the specific restricted hazardous wastes identified in this exemption reissuance request, into Class I hazardous waste injection wells WDW-5 and WDW-6 until December 31, 2026, unless the EPA moves to terminate this exemption. Additional conditions included in this final decision may be reviewed by contacting the EPA Region 6 Ground Water/UIC Section. A public notice was issued October 7, 2019, and the public comment period closed on November 22, 2019, and no comments were received. This decision constitutes final Agency action and there is no Administrative appeal.

**DATES:** This action is effective as of December 12, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the petition reissuance and all pertinent information relating thereto are on file at the following location: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Water Division, Safe Drinking Water Branch (6WDD), 1201 Elm Street, Suite 500, Dallas, Texas 75270-2102.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Philip Dellinger, Chief, Ground Water/UIC Section, EPA—Region 6, telephone (214) 665-8324.

Dated: December 12, 2019.

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